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A TRIP BACK IN TIME

There is rarely a time that I am thrown for a loss of what to say and this edition is one of those rare occasions where Emil's ability to create a most unique piece of art stumps even his most passionate critics here at WWWG. Even his greatest Arch Enemy (Mr. Charles –WWWG great accounting guru and resident founder of the *"We hate Emil with all our heart"* Fan Club) had to nod his head in amazement and asked where did Emil get all of those 1930's studio photo?

Emil's art encapsulates a bygone era of classical art that I have long missed and because of this; this has become my favorite in the "Hobo Tour" series. Hope you agree as (remember) there are no refunds or exchanges!

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There was once a time when all of human kind (PC enough for ya?) free-roamed the entire planet without much thought other than a few angry Immigration Officers having a bad day as you passed through.

In that bygone age…look I get it that they had just come to work after a long, drawn out cage match to near death with their lovely spouse who (in their mind) rightfully pointed out the Immigration Officer's inability to supply them with a lifestyle like they saw in the DVDs from Amerika.

I can feel that pain even being from Amerika where that morning conversation was almost word for word similar if you replace Amerika with "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous."

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See…I get that and was more than willing to overlook a little snippiness and bad attitude as we both shared a human bound that seemingly is universal and actually, isn't it really God's fault as he was the guy who created Eve? I know the argument that Eve was an upgrade (version 2.0) from the first generation of womankind. (God's words NOT mine…take it up with him if you got an issue…I have the toll FREE 1-800 number or you can 1-900 Dial-A-Miracle but roaming rates may directly apply to the call! Don't try calling collect…Trust me! It doesn't end pretty unless you are into some heavy duty fire & brimstone.)

OK! I know I got off point but to be truthful…had Adam not been such a crybaby then and given God's

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first whack at creating a woman (Lilith) civilization would have skyrocketed as Lilith was a firm believer in God's holy command to

"GO FORTH AND MULTIPLE…"

WHATZ???

Like dude! She dug sex and Adam was (how can I say this nicely not to offend the Bible Belt?) the role model for Ken (Barbie's eunuch but rather fashionable boyfriend) and her free will even scared more than a few angels of the host. What does this have to do with today's lecture? Nothing to be truthful but everything in understanding that human kind is universally oppressed by a modern generation of womankind that has morphed into a slightly more PC WOKE version of Lilith and my question is this a design fault in God's software?

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Or…is it the work of the Evil Demon Putin and his lap doggies who howl for Peace in the Ukraine when everyone (not just rouge Capitalists like me) understand that war is good for the Industrial Military Complex and what is good for their bottom line is great for a cadre of corrupt politicos' fundraising and retirement accounts; which means that it will all trickle down to us…

YA BUBBA…IT WILL!

It will trickle down to us if the rich are forced to adhere to the Reagan Doctrine of encouraging the rich to tip well… Hey! The 1980's proved that didn't it? I'm so sorry but this conversation has gone so far off into the weeds that I fear that I will not be able to reverse it's course before we hit the iceberg of the publisher's legal Department.

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What I was trying to convey before I so rudely interrupted myself with this Montague mantra devilling far too deeply into the personal lives of faceless Immigration Officers bitter with their being at the short end of Humankind's Lottery, how I can like totally feel or openingly relate to their marital pains and how this binds us all together in some form of a class action suit against Heaven Inc. (with God listed as a principal person of interest).

In a short period of time, the world is in the process of radical change(s) brought on by the death trowel of our once most treasured passion for Liberty and the agreed proposition to do no harm.

We live in a world were I need a vaccine passport and a current photo ID to go to the Burger King but not to vote.

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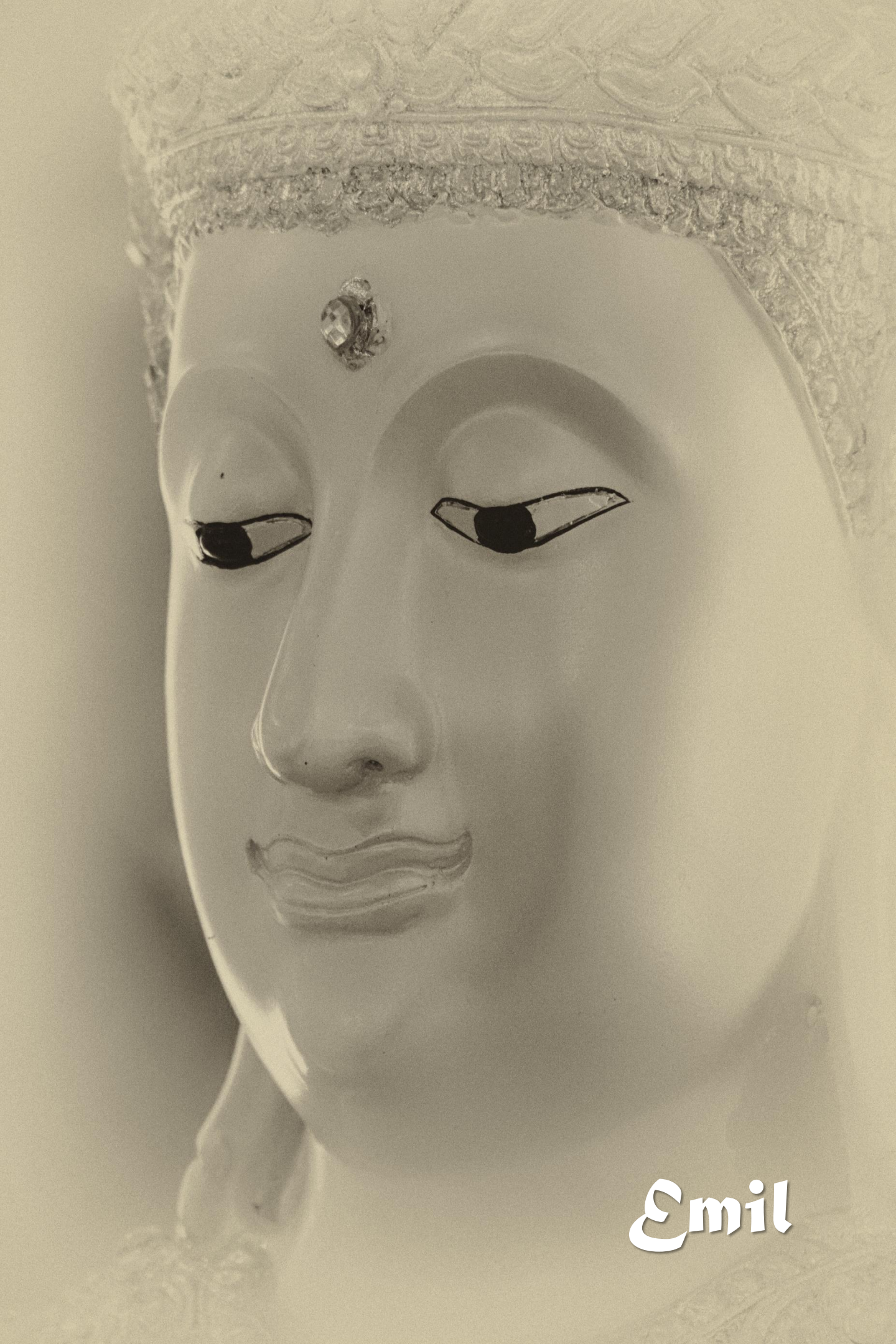
Which brings us back to this book's tale of a massive temple in rural Thailand that requires nothing to enter…no passports required…just walk right in and best of all; there are no ticket takers, rude rent-a-cops trying to snatch-N-grab your precious camera gear, gift shop hawkers or thugs from the World Heritage Organization hanging out by the valet parking next to their private StarBuckees.

I will tell you that it isn't easy to get here if you are a newbie to here…while it isn't as hard as trying to catch dinosaurs but, it is daunting for most mortal, Foreign Devil Tourist-types.

There is no regular busses, direct trains and the few tours that mention the temple are like total rip-offs mostly due to the remote nature of this temple.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As you are starting to see, this is not for the faint hearted or you Hobo Traveler Voyeurs and I don't want to catfish you in my desire to prevent you from trying track me down after you spent a night by the side of some random, Thai country lane trying to hitchhike back to the BTS @ Lat Krabang.

This is a segmented travel plan that starts off innocent enough by getting on the Airport BTS (lite rail) and riding out to the last stop before the new airport (Lat Krabang) or getting on the commuter train and riding out to Chachoengsao Junction (NO! Not like Petticoat Junction -this is a rather large city & besides, Uncle Joe went to DC).

OK! So, what is so hard about this other than the difference in ticket prices and time involved (45 Baht vs 10 Baht)?

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WELL CAMPERS!

Please remember that I told you that this is the easy breezy part of the trip and is simple enough for even the most innocent traveler want-to-bees. From there it becomes an adventure that if it goes south; you will be telling your grandkids or the nurses at the assistant living facility where your grandkids dropped you after you told this story just one too many times. Truthfully, the rest of this information is untested by me as I paid a neighbor 300 Baht to take us and then come back at the end of the day to get us as we waited in the nice, family-owned coffee shop that lays across the street from the temple (WAT).

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If you don't have a kind neighbor to take you then, you must get off the train or BTS and hustle the local tuk-tuk drivers for a "I can live with that" price to take you the 30 plus miles out to the temple and make sure that you get a round trip deal as I have yet to find a Tuk-Tuk Mafia Station at the temple.

Lat Krabang is a total wild card as I have never had need to use the Tuk-Tuk Mafia Station there.

I don't know if it is controlled by honorable made men or staffed by shady freelancers who might well take you money and drop you somewhere between here and Cambodia.

Chachoengsao Junction is the one that I would select for I do have a deep respect of how well organized they are

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in their enforcement of standardized pricing as the prices are fair, well marked and clearly posted…there is NEVER a need to haggle or negotiate as you would in most of the large cities or especially in the capitol.

Either way, do yourself a big favor and have someone write out the name of the temple in Thai as English is not as common out in countryside as the tour agents would have you believe.

The distance from Lat Krabang is about 26 kilometers and about 34 from Chachoengsao – so it is a ways to go.

Again, confirm around trip or that they will come back to get you – get their number (they all have smart phones).

Please remember that this is a massive complex and will take you a while to go through – I was there about 5 hours.

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39 min (25.2 km)

via ถนน หลวงแพ่ง

Fastest route, lighter traffic than usual

Latkrabang
Lat Krabang, Bangkok 10520

↑ Head west on to Lat Krabang Station

26 s (72 m)

› Take ถนน ลาดกระบัง, ถนน หลวงแพ่ง and ถนน ขุมทอง-ลำต้อยติ่ง to ซอย วิบูลย์สาธุกิจ in แขวง ลำต้อยติ่ง

29 min (20.2 km)

› Continue on ซอย วิบูลย์สาธุกิจ to your destination in ตำบล คลองหลวงแพ่ง

10 min (4.9 km)

Wat Wirachot Thammaram
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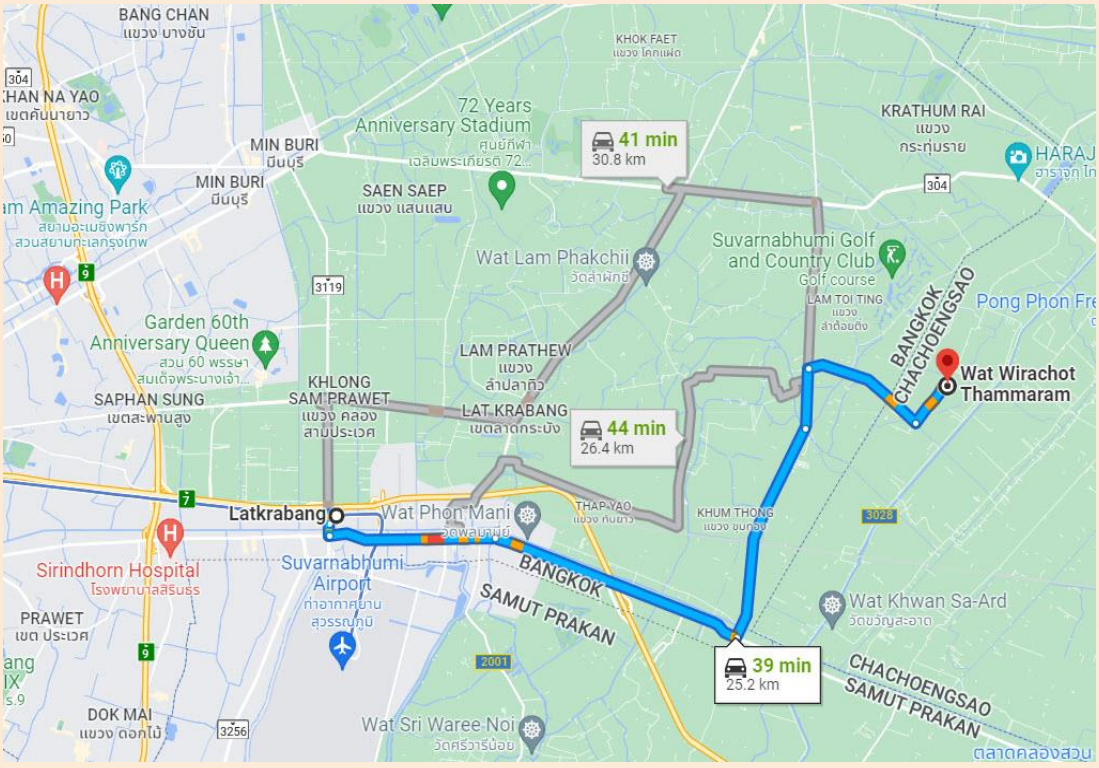

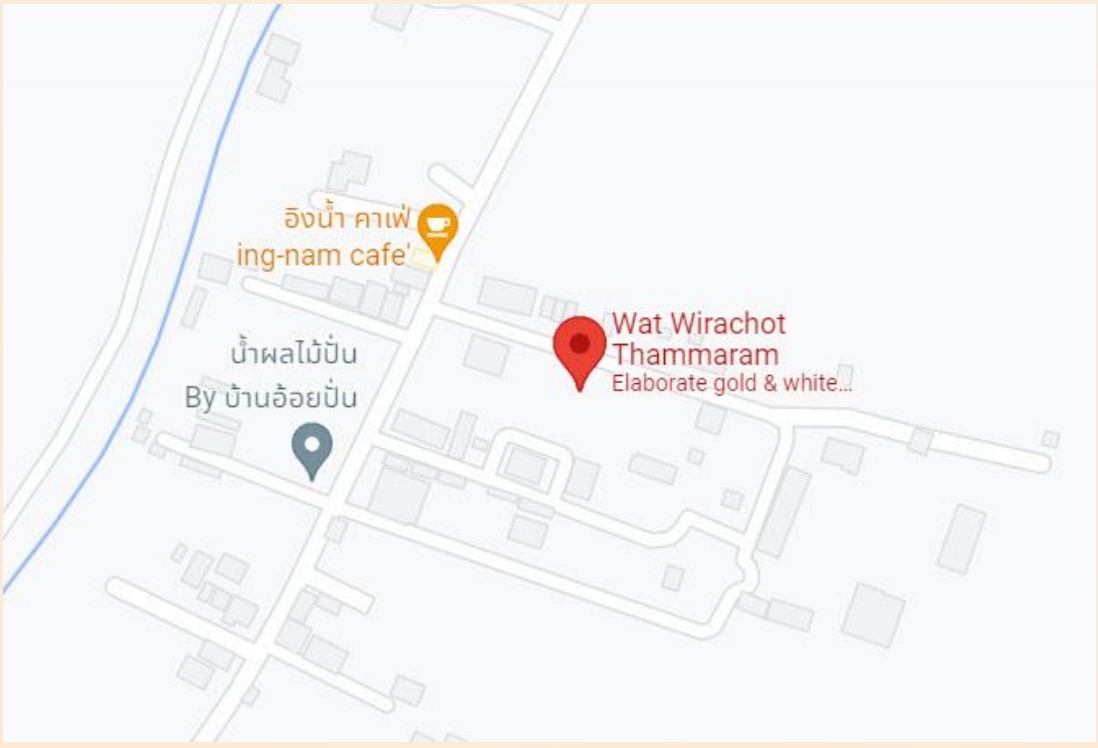

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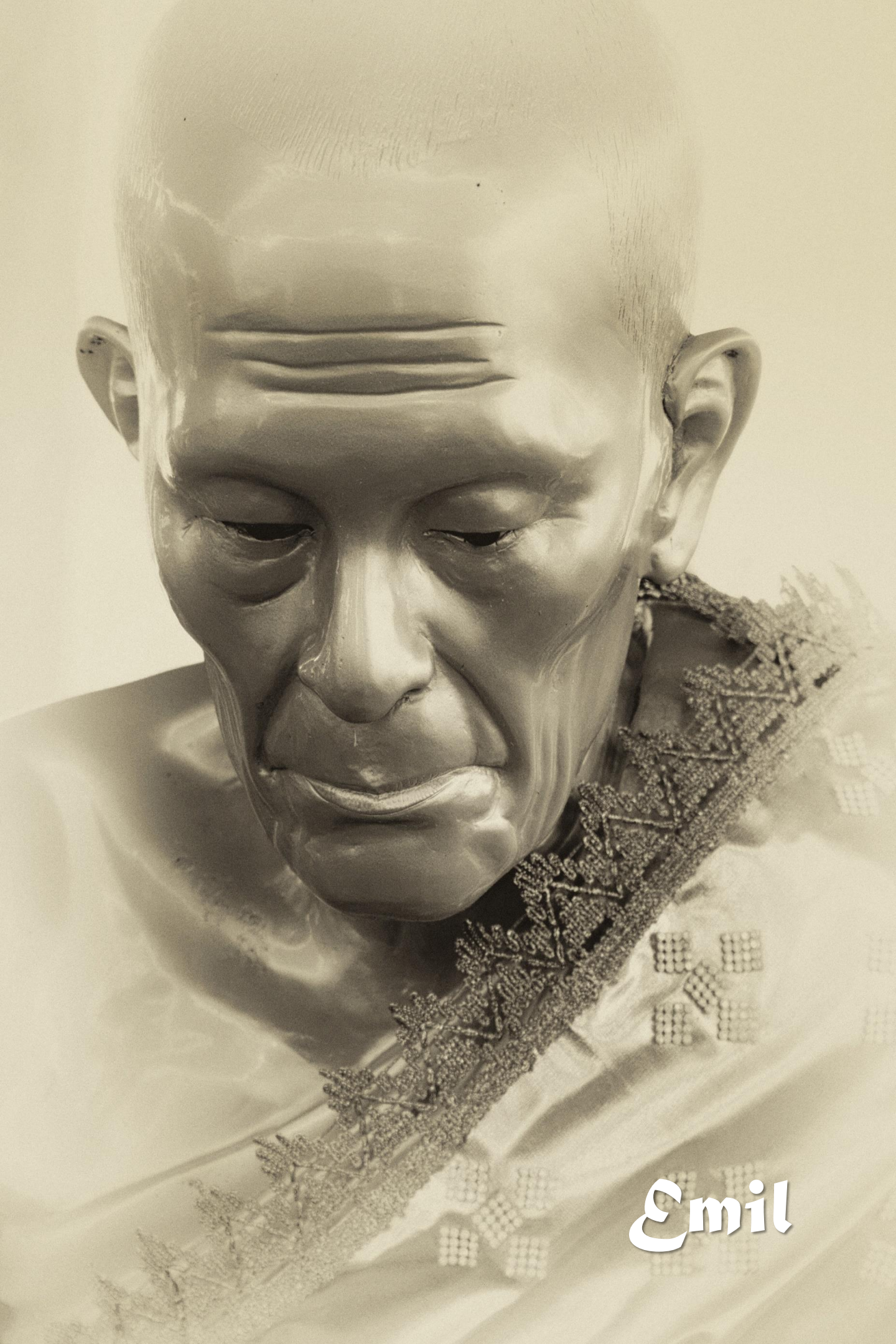
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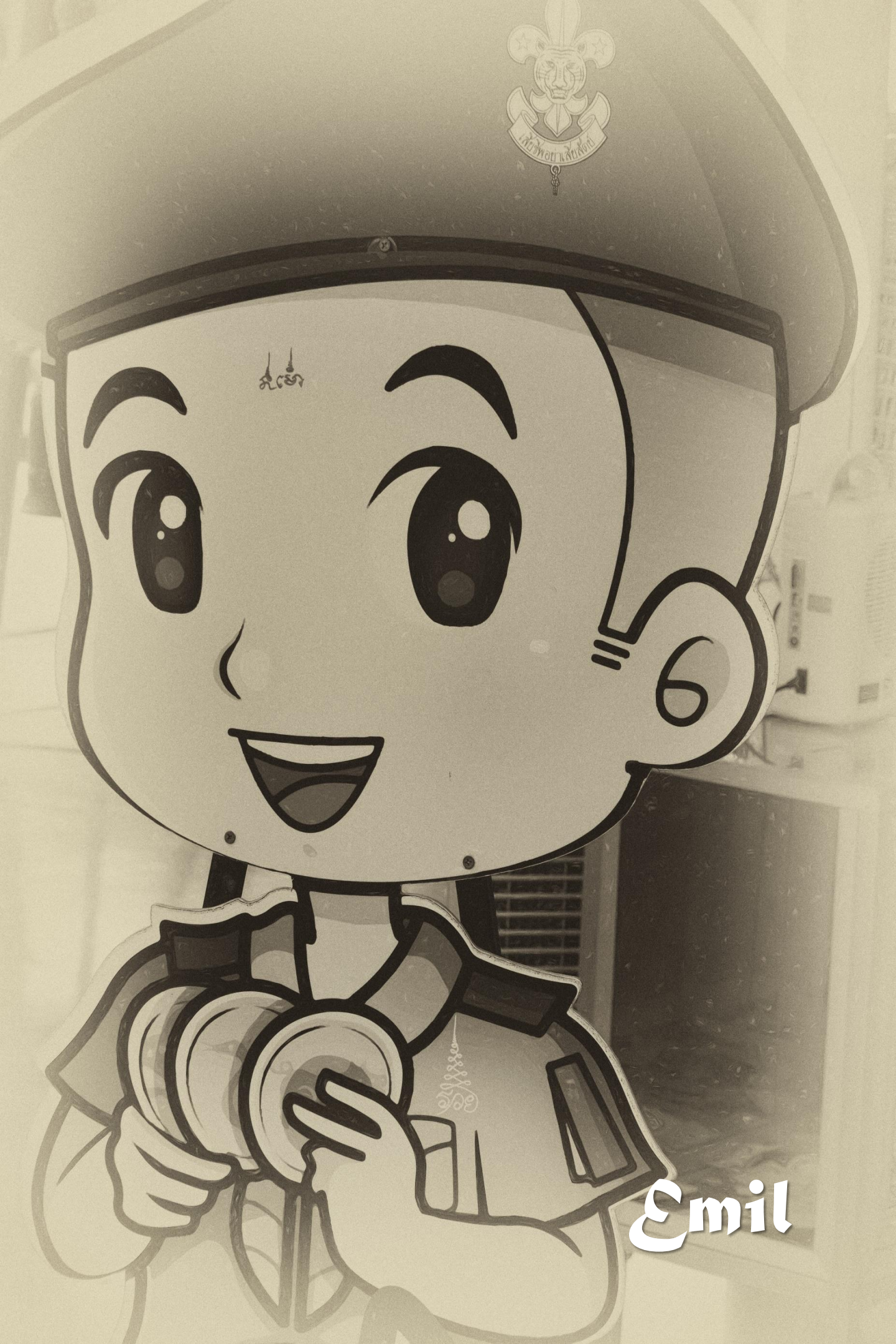
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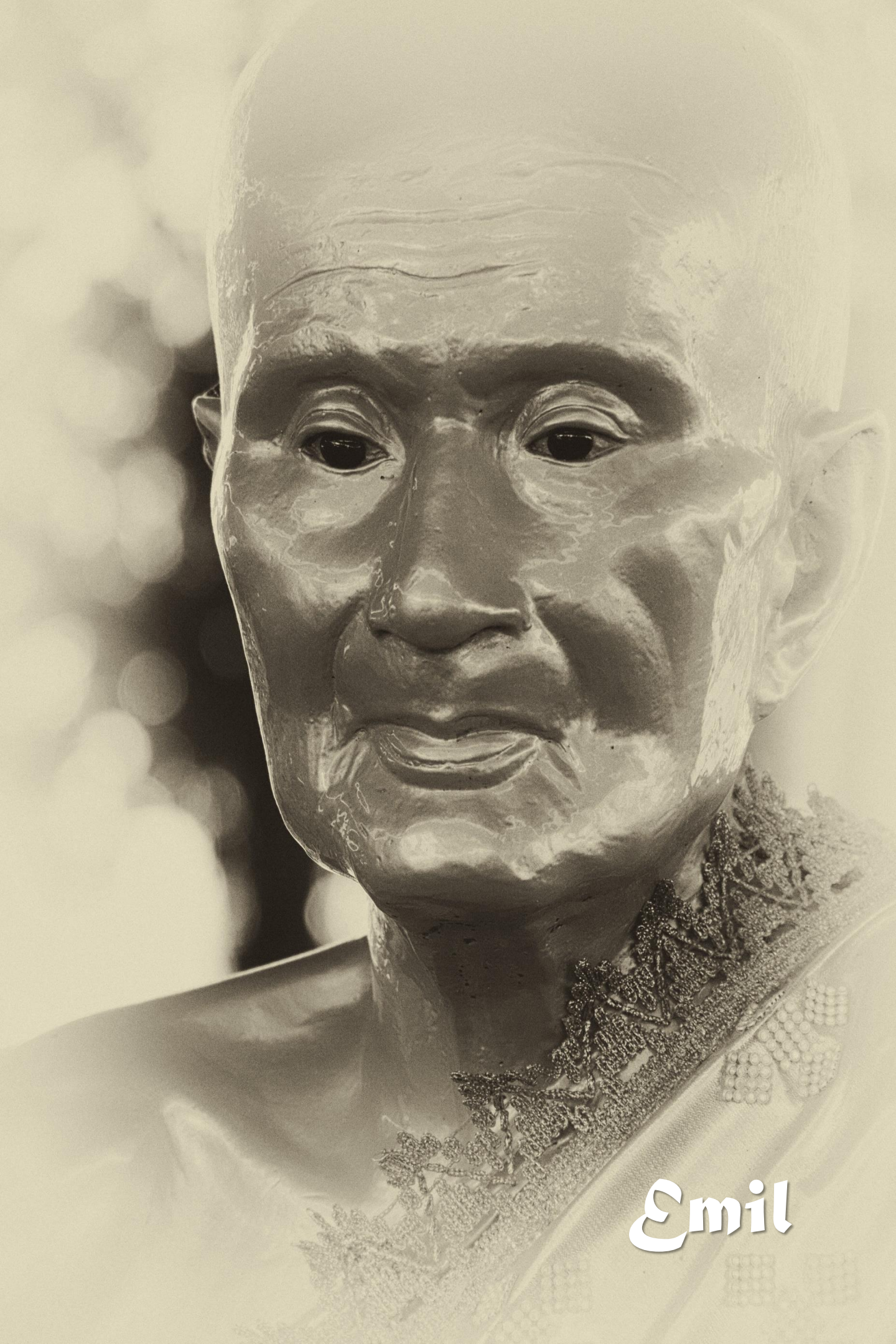
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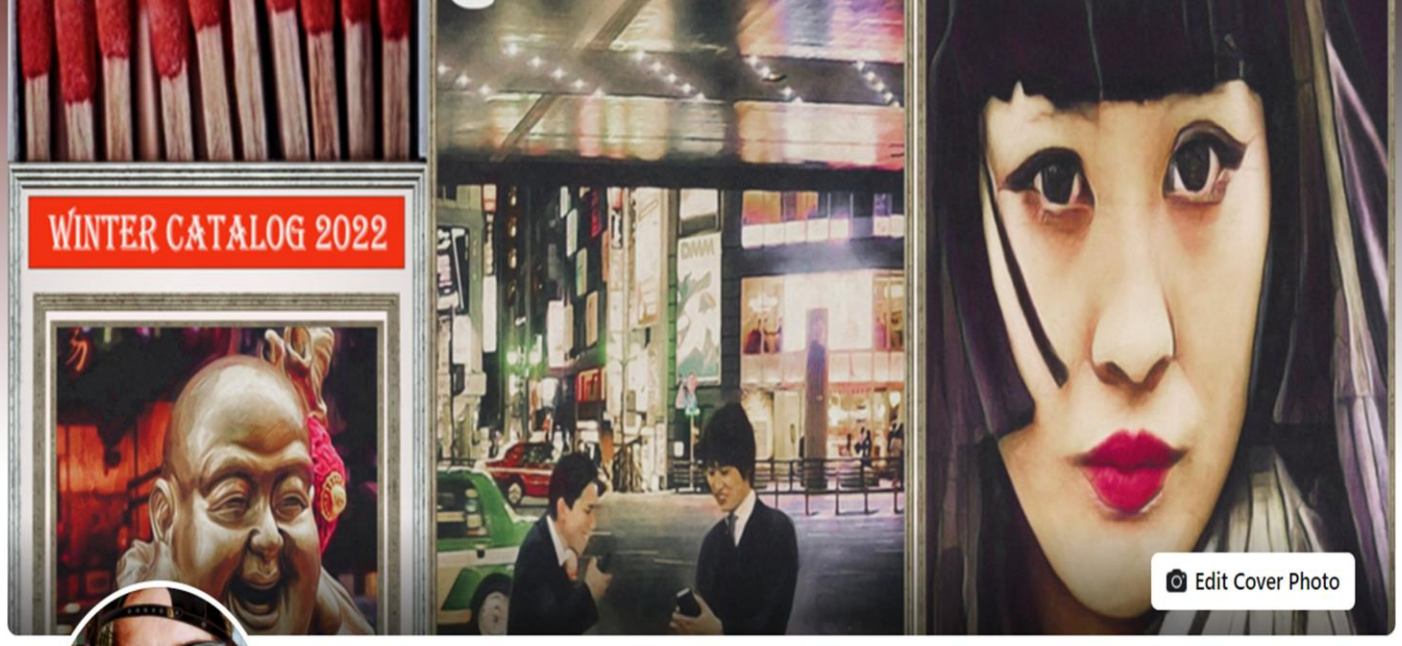

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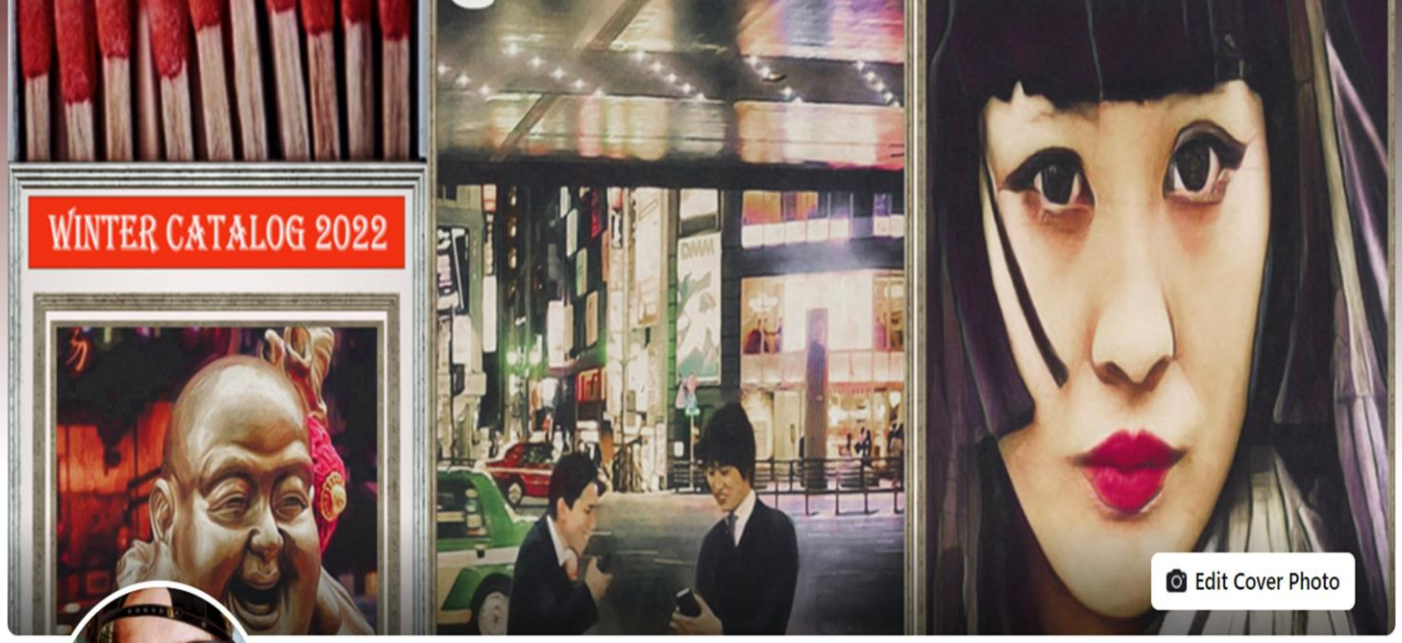

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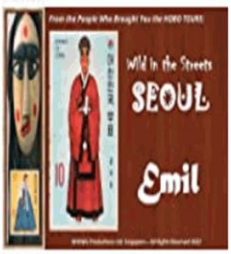

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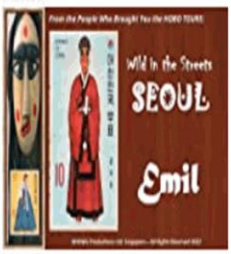

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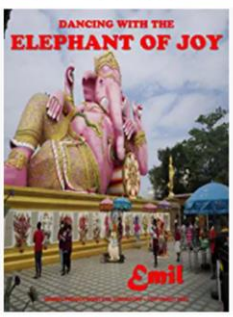

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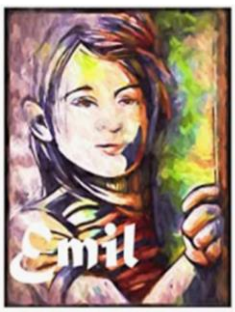

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"There comes a time when the winds of change start to blow and the earth shakes out of control..."
I think Bob Dylan wrote that and with even a slight glance at the evening news proves this to be yet true, I believe even more than it did way back then.
Sometimes, the world seems to have gone mad and luckily for Emil...he is at home!
A month ago, Emil approached us about going to Kiev.
Why Kiev? It was commonly assumed here (at WWWG) that it must be for the chicken and more so, the bootleg, homebrewed, bathtub vodka that Emil was always praising next to North Carolina's finest moonshine whiskey as one of the greatest achievement of man.
At first, there was the cost of such a trip, the endless paperwork needed for a visa and the fact that the country is still at war but, the fact that Emil might go blind drinking homemade vodka, this won over even Emil's harshest critic (Mister Charles...WWWG's primo accountant), how was I to say "NO!" and I didn't.

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When we last left Emil, Yuri and him were out in the borderlands, an active warzone, in Eastern Ukraine and from there, we catch up with Emil scurrying about, old town Moscow without any proper segway or explanation as to how or why he got there, at least not to our understanding. Where is Yuri?

Our first notice of trouble was an urgent email from our representative in Moscow (Kandi) about when she could expect payment for Emil's advance.

Our first response, was a classic "WHATZ?"

Seems that Emil had promised her a rather large payday for her advance work and advancing him rubles to live on – which amounted to a large sum due to the extremely high cost of living there.

Regrettably, she didn't take our response as well as we had hoped and this resulted in an unfortunate series of events that resulted in the filing of police reports over her pawning Emil's laptop at a local pawn shop in Moscow as a means of recouping her costs.

This resulted in Emil handwriting this edition...

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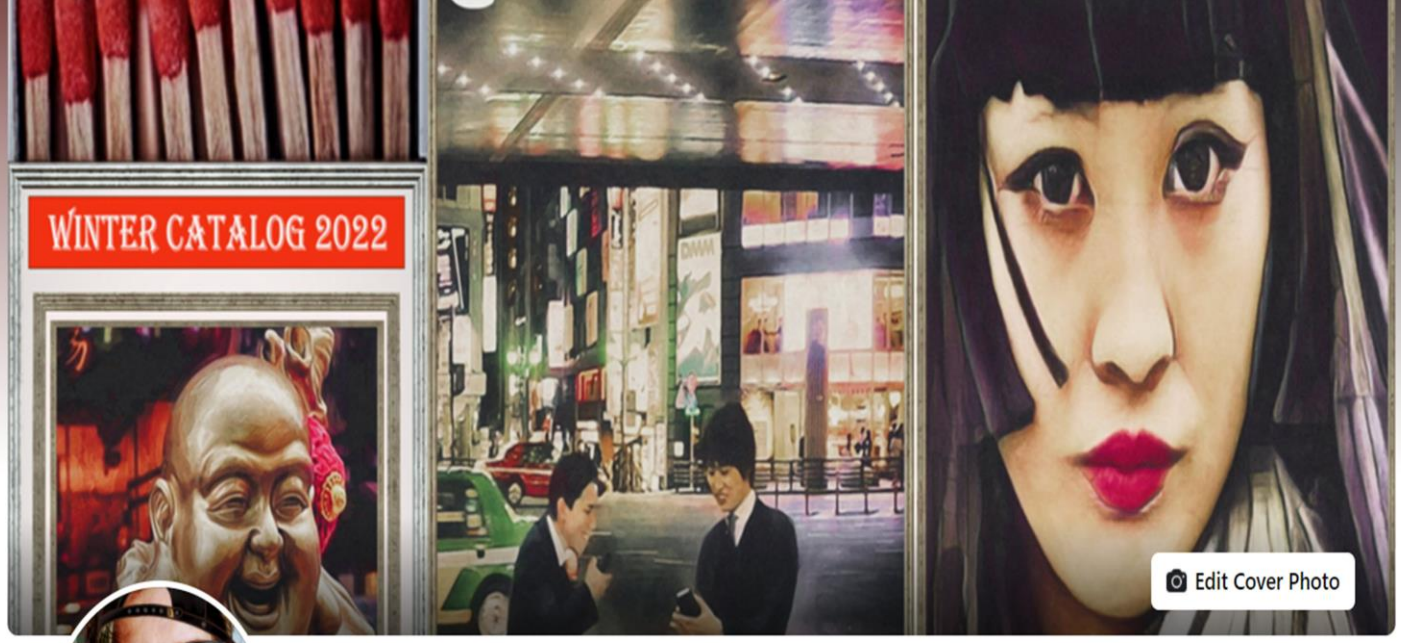

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THE TIMES TURNED AGAINST US!

She turned away from the bar and giggled as she attempted to explain that time is cruel...

"It sucks how everything and everyone just moves on and nothing can like ever stay the same...Well, my friend, it is ever so true that we too all seemed to have just upped and moved on..."

My immediate response came rather promptly, without any hesitation or studder, I boldly said:

"Only in distance, not in mind nor heart...times and events can radically change the world but friendship overcomes it all..."

After pausing for a few moments to pounder what I had just said and then, she added:

"That is some serious, bat-shit crazy talk...Dude, you sound like a bad forty-nine cent greeting card that my grandmother would have sent..."

Not wanting to draw sabers with her as she was the bartender and I was running a rather large tab that may or may not be covered by my corporate slave masters down at the WWWG Plantation;

I nodded quietly and returned to my drink.